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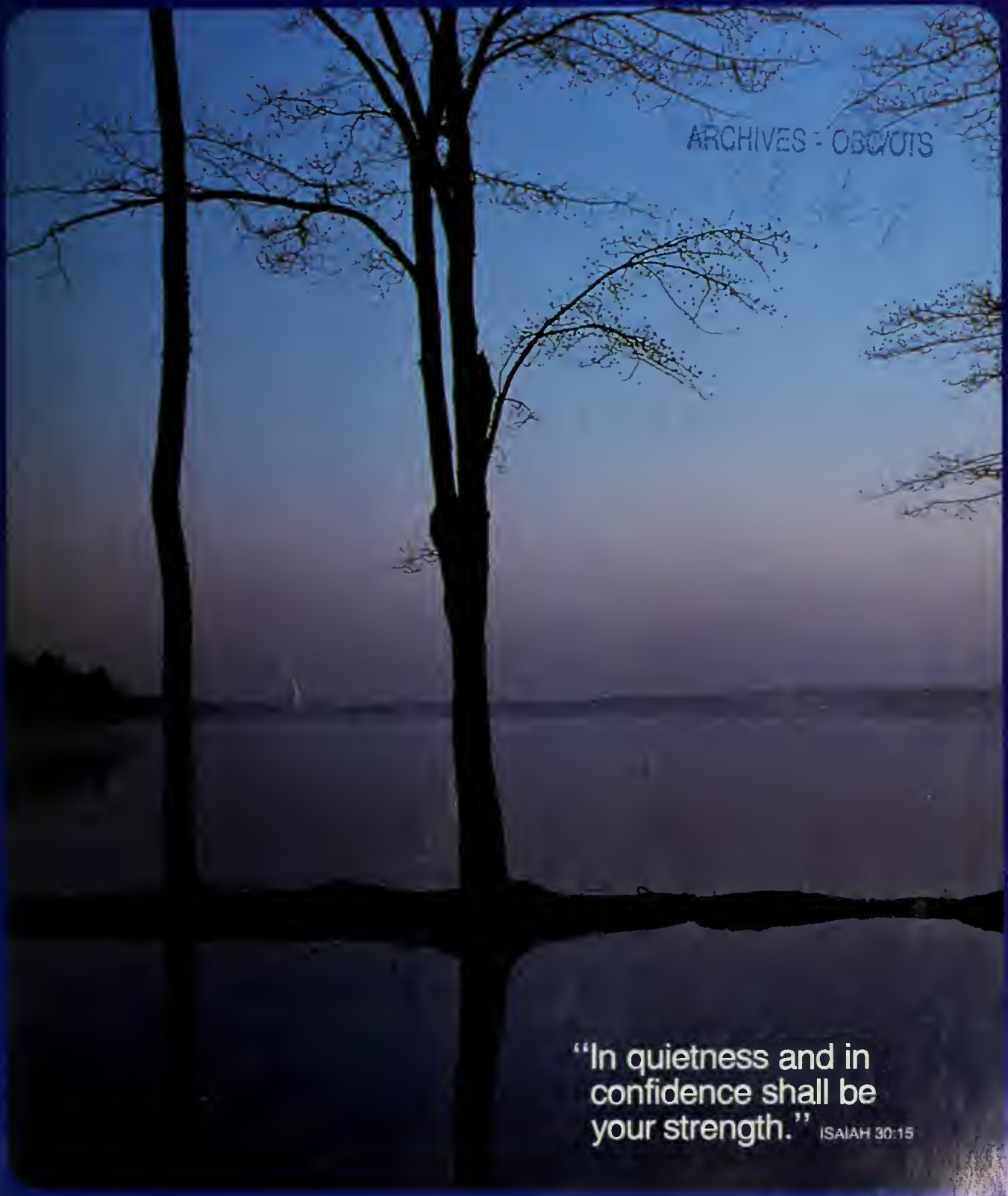

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| **6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.** | **THE CHURCH'S HIDDEN ORGANIZATIONAL POTENTIAL FOR PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTRY EFFECTIVENESS.**<br>Dr. Linda Cannell, Director, Church Education Resource Services, Winnipeg.<br>**COUNSELLING & MISSIONS**<br>Dr. George Ensworth, Professor Pastoral Psychology, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Massachusetts. |

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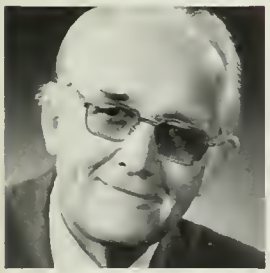

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# EDITORIAL

With this issue of the *Evangelical Recorder*, we begin a new series of themes focussing upon four great virtues: faith, hope, love, and wisdom. In this issue, the spotlight is on faith.

One of the five principles of the Wycliffe translators is, "We trust God for the impossible". This is the nature of biblical faith. John Wesley described it as casting yourself upon God with a reckless abandon. It is trusting God to do what only God can do. What is absolutely devastating is that this is the expected lifestyle of every believer. "The just shall live by faith."

Are you prepared for a self-appraisal? Take a pencil and paper and list the things you are trusting God to do, that only God can do. The heroes of faith have such a list. Do you? Even one or two items? This year we dared to do just this at OBC/OTS. As we began the year, we had a mortgage and accumulated deficit of over one million dollars. We prayed that the Lord would provide the funds that would eliminate our mortgage and meet our budget this year. He did this, and more! Two-thirds of an accumulated deficit was also removed! I believe this has been a miracle of God's grace. Bless His high and holy Name!

Why are we so reluctant to trust Him? Perhaps our problem is really our perception of God.

A reporter once asked Mrs. Einstein if she understood the theory of relativity. She replied, "No, but I know Albert and he can be trusted." The better we know God, the more we can trust Him.

Marcus Dods in his Expositors Bible expands on God's statement, "I am the Almighty God", with these beautiful words:

*"I am the Almighty God, able to fulfill your highest hopes and accomplish for you the brightest ideal that ever my words set before you. There is no need for paring down the promise until it squares with human probabilities, no need of adopting some interpretation of it which may make it seem easier to fulfill, and no need of striving to fulfill it in any second-rate way.*

*All possibility lies in this: 'I am the Almighty God'."*

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*William J. McRae*


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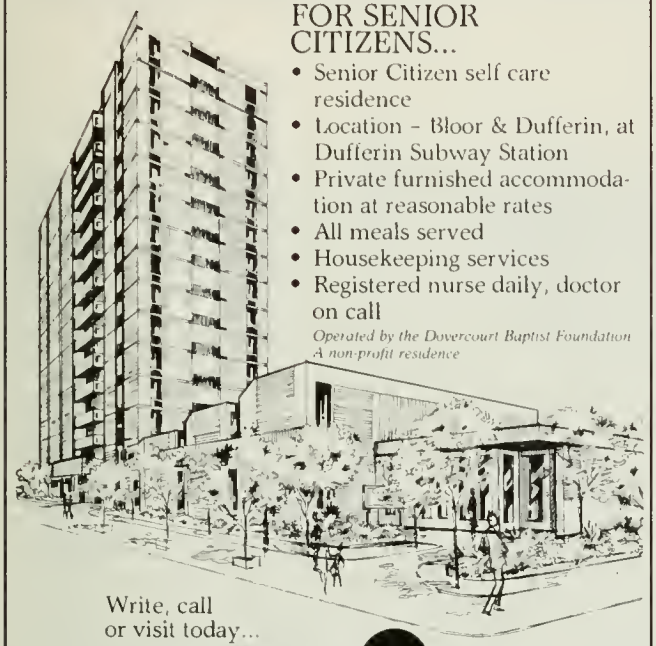

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# PERSEVERING FAITH

*Doug Webster*

Faith may be one of the first words in a Christian's vocabulary, but it also may be one of the least understood realities of the Christian life. "Living by faith" may boil down to "believe in yourself", healings on demand, and overspending, rationalizing that God will supply. The word has become a cliche for many who daily suffer its abuse, but to those who meditate on its biblical meaning and experience, its reality is both beautiful and powerful.

**Faith Defined**

Faith is a short hand expression encompassing the many dimensions of our response to the living God, involving knowledge, trust, assent, obedience and experience. The Christian life begins with the "gift of faith" and continues in the "obedience of faith". Hebrews 11 offers us both a comprehensive definition of faith and a powerful description. Imagine the strength and security resulting from "being sure of what we hope for" and the confidence and consistency flowing from being "certain of what we do not see".

Faith means daily dependence upon the living God whose creative will, moral order, and redemptive purpose give shape and meaning to our dreams and ambitions, our expectations and goals. Instead of retreating from the world in a fearful quest for survival or plunging ourselves into the world in a passionate pursuit of success, we live in the world by faith, knowing that what is real and enduring comes from God. Our convictions and actions do not spring from private ideas or social conventions but from the Holy One who creates, commands and waits to fulfill His redemptive plan in human history.

"By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command." The writer only needs a few short lines to sketch the horizons of faith ranging from creation to eternity, calling forth our existential certitude and rational conviction. The gift of faith allows us to see what is unseen by today's philosophies from materialism to selfism and from mysticism to scientism. Faith makes it impossible for us "to commend a reduced version of Christianity." "Versions of Christianity that have been de-supernaturalized, de-doctrinalized, and de-absolutized get torpedoed". (J.I. Packer)

**Ancestors in the Faith**

The thrust of Hebrews 11 quickly moves from faith defined to faith described. The power of faith comes through vividly in the flesh and blood experiences of the people of God. This is not an intellectual defence of the faith but a passionate plea for the obedience of faith. The writer purposely shifts the emphasis from the start of the Christian life to the perseverance of the life of faith (Hebrews 10:32-36). "Today we emphasize the New Birth," writes Peter Gillquist; "the ancients emphasized being faithful to the end. We moderns talk of wholeness and purposeful living; they spoke of the glories of the eternal kingdom... the emphasis in our attention has shifted from the completing of the Christian life to the beginning of it" (cf. Phil. 1:6; I Cor. 1:8; James 1:2).

The men and women of faith described in chapter 11 are not so much heroes or celebrities, as relatives whose example belongs to us as part of our family history. Today's long-haul Christianity shares the same qualities, fights the same battles, lives for the same truth as did our ancestors in the faith, who having gone on to glory, now bear witness to God's faithfulness. By identifying four qualities characteristic of their faith,

I hope to encourage you in your walk by faith.

**1. The people of faith hold their faith as a matter of life and death.**

God's people never go out looking for persecution. The life of faith is incompatible with a martyr's complex. We should resist fanaticism as much as we should resist apathy. Yet it is surprising how simple acts of faith, which on the surface look so innocent, become acts of courage. Who would have thought that Abel's act of worship would lead to his violent death? There is no heroism in killing a lamb and presenting it to God on a pile of rocks as a symbol of repentance and faith in God's forgiveness. But Abel's simple act of worship shows how high the stakes are in godly obedience. Abel is a brother to the teenager who is ridiculed by family and friends for his faith in Christ; to the wife whose husband threatens to walk out on her if she doesn't stop going to church; to the girl or guy who, because of fidelity to Christ, will not sacrifice their virginity no matter how great the cultural pressure. Simple acts of faith may be costly acts of obedience. Just think of our brothers and sisters in Eastern Europe, Russia and South Africa.

**2. The people of faith no longer belong to this present world system.**

Driving down Yonge Street in Toronto is a fascinating experience. I usually have to watch that I don't collide with the car in front of me as I glance from side to side at the amazing diversity before my eyes. Every cult, race, life style and class seem to be on parade. But with all these differences, there is a surprising degree of uniformity on the basic level of world-view orientation. If the truth be known the punkers, gays, Jewish brokers, and Tory M.P.'s are surprisingly alike. Morality is based on sociological trends and individualized values rather than revealed principles. Genuine guilt and sin are denied. Deviant behaviour is tolerated if not glorified. Authority is interiorized. Everyone does what is right in his own eyes. For the young radicals and the old cronies moral permissiveness rules the day in a radical pluralistic society. If you have been thinking other people look weird and act abnormal, think again! This culture's truest "deviant" is the Christian. What the world divorces, faith unites. We believe the Creator's wisdom belongs to creation's children; fidelity belongs to marriage; stewardship to industry; wisdom to education; justice to politics; and morality to law.

Like Abraham, we are strangers in a foreign country, *"looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God"* (Hebrews 11: 9,10). We admit that we are *"aliens and strangers, who long for a better country – a heavenly one"* (Hebrews 11:13,16). And like Abraham, we must seek to translate this hope into righteousness and justice here and now in the culture in which God has placed us as sojourners.

**3. The people of faith persevere to the end.**

What does the faith of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph teach us? How does the extraordinary act of faith revealed in Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac compare with Isaac and Jacob blessing their heirs, and Joseph giving instruction for the removal of his dead bones? The common link between them is faith in God's promise even in the face of death. If you are a parent, I am sure you have contemplated the trauma you would feel if your son or daughter died. Abraham was confronted with a heart wrenching test. Yet he takes God to the limit and trusts God at the point of death – not even his own death, but something far more difficult, the death of his son. Abraham faced death and acted on the basis of resurrection faith. Isaac, Jacob and Joseph look more as though they belong on a geriatrics ward than in faith's hall of fame. They are at the end of life. They are old and feeble. But instead of soliciting pity, they show us that we are never too old to exercise faith. Our last glimpse of their lives is faith's demonstration of strength, worship and selflessness. They genuinely believe God holds the future.

**4. The people of faith have the faith of Jesus.**

By faith our ancestors looked forward to the fulfillment of God's redemptive promise in Jesus Christ. By faith we look back at the finished work of Christ. The "gift of faith" is faith *in* Jesus as our Saviour and Redeemer, *"the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God"* (12:2). The "obedience of faith" is the faith *of* Jesus as the ultimate model, the perfect example of persevering faith. *"Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men so that you will not grow weary and lose heart"* (12:3). Long-haul Christianity requires a faith that takes seriously a whole life commitment to Jesus Christ who is both the object of our saving faith and the model of our persevering faith. *"Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith..."* (Hebrews 12:1-2).

*Dr. Webster has been professor of Theology at Ontario Theological Seminary since 1980. This fall he is taking a sabbatical leave to research and write a book.*

# FAITH IN THE PRESSURE WORLD

*Frank W. Henkelman*

Who does not live in a pressure world today? The pressures, of course, are as varied as our points of view. I am convinced that I could never handle the pressure required of a heart surgeon, and yet I suppose he might recoil from an involvement with the pressures we feel in our own differing circumstances.

Pressures are not necessarily bad. Both positive and negative experiences are necessary for our personal growth. What is important for us, as Christians, is that we let the Lord Jesus Christ live His life through us in whatever responsibility He has placed us.

My particular pressure cooker is the world of business. I have heard it said on occasion that it doesn't seem possible that you can be a Christian and a businessman at the same time. The dog-eat-dog, competitive world out there is run by greedy, grasping, selfish people who are only interested in how much they can accumulate, and it doesn't matter to them who they step on to get what they want. Familiar words?

Let me assure you from my vantage point as president of a fairly large company in Canada that Christian principles will enable a company to be more successful over the long term than one which is motivated only by selfish desires.

Pressures? Yes, we are faced with many. Our company is equally owned by two multi-billion dollar companies and, of course, they have more than a passing interest in our performance. We have eight manufacturing plants from coast to coast with warehouses and sales offices in fifteen locations. Our 2,400 employees provide products which flow through distributors, contractors, building supply dealers, agents and others, to the final customers.

Where do pressures come from? They come from shareholders, from employees, from unions, from distributors, from dealers, from contractors, from governments, from communities, from customers, from regulatory agencies, and, of course, from our competitors.

In such a rapidly changing and increasingly complex world, where does my Christian faith fit in? I read just this morning in the bible that, *"The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love"* (Gal. 5:6). That doesn't sound like the recipe for a modern day businessman, does it? But I am convinced that it is.

I believe in a God who cares; who is interested in my development and in others to the maximum potential; who wants His own personal character reflected in all of my dealings; who is a God of integrity, love, order, creativity, and reconciliation; who requires the stewardship of my time and abilities; and to whom I must give an account.

However, these beliefs must translate into the practical world of business where I live. A published value in our company is that of integrity - providing quality products, giving good value, living up to commitments to the best of our ability, and dealing fairly and honestly with employees and customers. I believe it is my responsibility to provide reconciliation where needed, to bring order out of confusion, to encourage a creative environment, to provide opportunities and encouragement for personal growth and development, to require high standards of performance, and to serve by removing obstacles and providing circumstances helpful in meeting objectives.

The teaching of Jesus to the businessman was meant to be taken seriously when He said, *"If you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And, if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"* (Luke 16:11). Obviously, He meant this life to be one of stewardship and training for the much greater one to come. Without Him, I couldn't handle it. With Him, I experience a sense of direction and purpose.

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# KEEP RIGHT ON TO THE END OF THE ROAD

*Gerald B. Griffiths*

"Old age: when does it begin?" That was the title of a recent report of a conference of geriatric experts in North America. Old age, said the report, begins at 85 or 75 or 65, depending on the stage. According to the experts, there are three stages: old age proper, middle, and young.

Old age proper begins at 85. If so, there are some bright Christians in this group. We have a number of them at Calvary Church. Mr. Harry Wild took the pastoral prayer in our Sunday morning service on his ninetieth birthday. That morning he prayed with the spiritual power of a man who knew God. Harry Wild had just then completed his term of office as the competent chairman of the residents' committee of our senior citizens' home, Nisbet Lodge. Now in his nineties, he continues to bear his witness to God's goodness and mercy.

Middle old age begins at 75, according to the experts. George Bernard Shaw thought 75 was the end: "It takes a man till he is 75 to learn how to live and then he has to quit the stage." No! If God gives health and vigour, no Christian dare quit the stage at 75.

Caleb was 80 when he prayed, "Give me this mountain!" Moses was at the height of his power. Corrie Ten Boom was preaching all over the world. And lesser known people have achieved a great deal in their eighties.

I think of Norman Browett, another senior citizen at Nisbet Lodge. Since he turned 80, he has been very busy promoting that excellent Bible correspondence course, the Mail Box Club. He has introduced it to many schools and churches and individuals in Toronto and Ontario, and even as far away as Brazil (in Portuguese). Norman Browett lives in a retirement home, but he is still on the Lord's active list of missionaries.

If old age proper starts at 85 and middle old age at 75, what is it that starts at 65? Besides pensions and reduced rates in buses and planes and barbers' shops, what starts at 65, according to the experts, is "young old age".

This sixty-five plus group is a vital force in many of our churches. They have so much valuable time and experience to invest in the Lord's service. In a hundred and one ways, they are the people who get things done. Billy Graham has now graduated to their ranks. At 67 he continues to be a powerful voice for the gospel and righteousness.

Sixty-five is no time to retire. It is time to renew our consecration to finish the work the Lord has given us to do. Colonel Sanders, of Kentucky Fried Chicken fame, only started to do business in a big way after he received his first old-age pension cheque. Herbert Lockyer only started his writing career in earnest after he retired. He wrote nearly 50 books between the ages of 65 and 99!

Whatever our age – "young" "middle" or "old" – we can still be effective in the Christian's greatest work: PRAYER. Some of God's older people say apologetically, "All I can do now is to pray." "ALL I can do"? There is no greater work! Because God answers prayer.

Senior citizens have a good track record. Some of the greatest things in the world have been done by senior citizens. Think of what the world owes to senior citizen Winston Churchill, who took over the reins of wartime Britain at 67 and inspired his country and the free world to victory. Think of what the church owes to senior citizen Alexander MacLaren and his *Expositions of Holy Scripture*. That monumental work was MacLaren's retirement project. He started it at the age of 67, finished it at 83, and went to his Reward a few weeks later. Busy to the end!

This is how God intends us all to be. "*They shall bring forth fruit in old age*" (Psalm 92:14). Every church and pastor and board should encourage every senior to be busy to the end. Let no senior citizen retire from "abounding in the work of the Lord" until the Master says, "Friend, come up higher"!

*Dr. Gerald B. Griffiths*
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*Member of OBC/OTS Board of Governors*

# THE PASTOR'S PAGE

*James P. Vold*

**Faithfulness: Indispensable for the Christian Worker**

Perhaps the most troublesome factor facing the Christian worker is the inner quest for certainty about suitability for the task. We may be tempted to measure our ministries as the politician often formulates his policies. He takes a poll and tries to adapt himself and his program to the poll results.

What kind of expectations would a poll about qualifications for Christian workers reveal? Quite a number of "voters" would insist that the major requisite is proper training. We often seize this idea and cram our heads with the latest ecclesiastical technology and amass the current "earned" degrees. Now, we suppose we are ready to receive the "minister of the year" (or month or even day!) award. Why, then, this strange inner restlessness and marked lack of genuine self-confidence?

We turn back to the poll results again. We find that a sizeable segment of our "supporters" insist that native talent is the prime ingredient in effective service. They tell us, sometimes in rather abrupt fashion, that preachers, teachers, etc. are "born not made!". True, but such workers are never born made!!! We turn back to our personality profiles and ask our computer banks to evaluate our talents. If we are honest, we cry with a rather talented man in the apostolic days, "*Who is sufficient for these things*" (2 Cor. 2:1,6).

We turn again to the polls, but this time to one conducted by the Master himself. Here we read that 'faithfulness' is the vital ingredient. To be part of the chain of communication, we must pass on discovered truth to 'faithful' persons who, in turn, will share it with others (2 Tim. 2:2).

The essential quality of faithfulness includes firmness of conviction, inclusiveness of commitment, and fervor of communion. How do these traits become part of our living? They are part of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22,23). Therefore, we must guard against grieving the Spirit (by active disobedience) and quenching the Spirit (by passive disobedience).

Faithfulness (faith) is a product of occupation with the written Word of God (Rom. 10:17). Thus we need to maintain an intensive study of the Word, coupled with ample time for devotional reflection.

Personal faithfulness, however, is fostered, not only by the Spirit through the Word, but also in those troublesome situations we often seek to evade. The Psalmist tells us that "*God in faithfulness* (adherence to His announced plans) *has afflicted us*" (Psa. 119:75), and concludes that "*before I was afflicted I went astray but now I have kept your commandments*" (Psa. 119:67). The product of affliction is obedience which is really the expression of faithfulness.

We need, then, talent trained by use and education and mellowed by the touch of the Spirit. We need, also, the potent force of affliction.

As one who has climbed down the mountain of health into the valley of dependence upon kidney dialysis, I can testify that these, often terribly difficult days, have developed my faith by:

1. Revealing to me the relative value of work and service vs. worship and fellowship.
2. Providing new insights into the Word and the nature of God.
3. Revealing the true worth of self.
4. Demonstrating the actuality and reliability of the divine supply.
5. Impressing me with the reality of fellowship in the body of Christ.
6. Reminding me that divine supply employs human agents and often selects unexpected channels.

God is making us more efficient spiritual stewards and so adds trouble to our talents and training to create in us increased faithfulness.

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# WINDOW ON THE WORLD

*Ian S. Rennie*

For some time in these articles, I have been seeking to have us look at the world of Canada. This is the world in which God has called us to live and serve, and for which hopefully we have a deep affection and an abiding sense of concern and responsibility. It has been my hope that the information in these articles will have increased our vision and helped release our energy for the kingdom of Jesus Christ in Canada. Now, on this occasion, I want to compare Canada with one of its sister Commonwealth nations, New Zealand.

Last summer my wife and I had the privilege of ministering for five weeks throughout much of the beautiful country of New Zealand, and constantly I found myself making comparisons with Canada. Partly, this was due to the fact that Canadians seem very interested in New Zealand, for almost every Canadian to whom we spoke about our impending journey insisted that this was one country that they had always wanted to visit, and many seemed to have relatives there as well. The comparison was also encouraged because the two nations have so many similarities – many more, I think, than we Canadians have with the Americans or British, with whom we so frequently do compare ourselves.

Apart from the distinctive 'French fact' in Canada, both nations share in a similar foundation in nineteenth century British migration. In both there is also a strong, growing, and articulate native presence. Both have shared in settlement from Continental Europe, although admittedly the proportion in Canada is greater. And both countries have been strongly impacted by the United States. So, in spite of great geographic difference, we frequently sensed how many similarities Canada and New Zealand shared.

New Zealand has obviously had a very strong Christian base – much stronger, I would assume, than Australia. In the North Island, the Baptists are very numerous, and the Brethren are proportionately stronger than almost anywhere else in the world. And both have maintained in considerable measure a very genuine evangelical faith and life. In the South Island, where only about one-quarter of the total population of 3.2 million resides, the northern half has strong pockets of evangelical Anglicanism, much of it still drawing strength from the ministry of an outstanding biblical expositor of the last generation, the Rev. W.J. Orange, whose numerous disciples in the ministry and on the mission field have been known everywhere as Orange 'pips'. In the chilly southern part of the South Island, the population is overwhelmingly Scottish and Presbyterian, and, in the area around Invercargill, with nothing between you and Antarctica, there are many centres of spiritual vitality.

New Zealand, like Canada, has had a significant missionary involvement, and, in both countries, Bible Colleges have been important in this development. In New Zealand, a great many missionaries have been trained at the Bible College of New Zealand in Auckland. Like Ontario Bible College, it was founded by a famous Baptist pastor, in this case Joseph Kemp of the Auckland Baptist Tabernacle. Hudson Taylor has been almost a patron saint of both institutions, with the China Inland Mission/Overseas Missionary Fellowship always having been accorded a special place of honor, with David Stewart the present principal of BCNZ having been an OMF missionary. And while OBC is developing extension education courses in various centres in southern Ontario, the BCNZ is developing satellite schools in various parts of the country.

Another comparison of interest was the Pentecostal/Charismatic movement in the two countries. Although the movement is strong in both nations, in Canada it has been much more contained within our dynamic and expanding Pentecostal congregations. In New Zealand, the Pentecostal denominations have not been particularly successful, at least until recently, with the result that the Charismatic movement is to be found in all the churches. About two-thirds of the Baptist congregations are considered to be at least moderately charismatic, while Brethren assemblies with a charismatic impress are not an unknown phenomenon. And the evidence of the overspill from the churches is clearly seen in the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, for example, where a great spirit of freedom in praise is joined with theological, evangelistic, and cultural concerns.

Another area of comparison is in the matter of theological seminaries. Neither Canada nor New Zealand has had a tradition of evangelical seminaries for many decades, but in recent years the Canadian scene has been altering radically. As a result of the dearth in New Zealand, many students there were asking me about the possibility of theological training in this country. So while this is not ideal, the compatibilities of the two countries mean that this might be a partial, short-term solution. In the long run, however, the New Zealanders need their own institutions.

I hope that the Christian links between Canada and New Zealand grow. We have so many similarities, and we can start by praying that God will pour out the Holy Spirit on the cause of Christ in our sister nation.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*(These are excerpts taken from letters written to Dr. McRae in response to the editorial from the Spring, 1985 issue of the* Evangelical Recorder*).*

"...It would seem to me that if we see a Christian community as an assembly of believers and non believers of all ages and varied backgrounds, it must be of a certain size to provide fellowship and service for each age group or interest group.

Large churches do have to make an effort to make communication and fellowship meaningful but all churches have a goal. Some churches are large because they service many parishes and need a wide base for support, which, of course, leads to the giving of funds and human resources. Many small *churches* would tend to be poor stewards of the resources given...

Each individual Christian needs a vision as to his role in our society today and no less so is the need of each community of believers, the church, to have its vision of its role in the complex society of 1985.

One cannot make a value judgement on either the small congregation or the large having the "key to the way" because there is no one right way. Each Christian leader and congregation must find the way in which they can participate best in God's work and serve within that vision."

*Robert Cormack, Willowdale*

"I look forward to reading copies of the *Evangelical Recorder*. I'm currently not on the mailing list and would very much like to be. There are so many Christian publications that I sometimes find myself wondering about what is merely far-off opinions and what is the truth about Christ. I find your articles not only truthful but practical and helpful."

*Nancy MacLeod*

"Thanks for your latest issue of *The Evangelical Recorder* with its emphasis on the local church. I'm tired of being told that the local church is "where the action isn't". Your articles are a helpful antidote to such thinking.

Your editorial challenge respecting the megachurch movement is relevant to the life of most churches. I feel that the issue is less megachurch versus non megachurch than it is church growth versus non church growth.

The jealousy factor is intense when pastors think about megachurch issues. Why does *he* have such a big name? I'm as good as he is. Why does that church get so much money? Wouldn't it be better to put all that money into missions?

To me, the megachurch movement indicates a significant breakthrough of Jerusalem church dimensions in our modern era. If we can just keep from institutionalizing and franchising the movement, we will be able to rejoice in a marvelous work of God in our day."

*Dr. James Thorne Will*

# Alumni Communique

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# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS GIFTS TO GRADUATING CLASSES

Dr. John Weiler B.Th. '69 presents Mr. Alistair Findlay, President of OBC Class of '85 with facsimile of lapel pin.

Dr. John Weiler B.Th. '69 presents Mr. Charles Koo of OTS Class of '85 with Bible.

**ALUMNI STAFF HONOURED**
Mrs. Doris Warren '30-'31.

As many of our friends already know, there are changes this year in the Alumni Office.

We were sorry to know that Mrs. Doris Warren '30-'31 will not be returning in September for her usual three mornings a week. She has given many hours to the work of the Alumni Office for sixteen years. God bless you as you enjoy these retirement years. We are glad that Mrs. Warren has a continuing practical and prayerful interest in OBC/OTS.

Please pray for new personnel in the Alumni Office.

**ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

At the OBC Graduation Service, April 27 in the Peoples Church, Mr. David Elliott and Miss Valerie Webb were recipients of a $500 Scholarship.

At the OTS Graduation Service, May 11 in Bayview Glen Church, Miss Liz Dobson was the recipient of a $500 Scholarship.

**DELTA EPSILON CHI AWARDS**

Dr. Emil Gaverluk '39 (in absentia) and Dr. John Weiler Bth '69 both received the Delta Epsilon Chi award of the American Association of Bible Colleges at the OBC Graduation Service, April 27.

## ALUMNI TAKE ADVANTAGE

There shall be a **25% reduction in cost for alumni** of OBC/OTS attending the Pastors' and Spouses' Conference, January 21-23, 1986.

# PROFILES

## *Faith that encourages...*

"In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength..." (Isa. 30:15). These words, inscribed on a beautiful plaque, have sustained Marion Young '49 (LBI) at crucial times in her life.

Firstly, when she was recuperating from a third major operation after returning home from the Dominican Republic, God encouraged her with these words.

She subsequently joined the faculty of the New Brunswick Bible Institute as Dean of Women and Teacher.

Secondly, in 1977 when she had to undergo three eye operations, again assurance from the Lord was given to her from this text.

Thirdly, when the doctors discovered that she had throat cancer, her voice box was wonderfully preserved! God had given her His strength and blessing.

Marion says, "I am absolutely filled with thankfulness that the Lord could use me in making Him known around the world."

## *Faith that perseveres...*

After 10 major surgeries, a year in hospital and an additional year in a rehabilitation hospital, how would you feel? How strong would your faith be?

For Paul J. Smith (B.Th. '73, Yonge Street Mission) and his wife Jane, after a tragic automobile accident, theirs is a faith that endures.

One day after 1-1/2 years of exceptional rehabilitation, Paul suddenly crumpled to the floor. Fears that his left hip may have been broken were confirmed.

"Lord, what more?!!" they cried, feeling devastated and abandoned by God.

At this low point, Pastor Ted Searle's earnest prayer and sincere confidence in Bible promises gave new perspective and strength.

Increased interdependence upon one another deepened relationships between family members.

Personal and practical expressions of true friendship sustained the family during this time.

"You get to know the Lord better and it enables you to minister with a new sense of identity and dignity", Paul concludes.

## *Faith that upholds...*

*"Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ"* (Phil. 1:6), was her verse in 1940 when Edna Grierson graduated from O.B.C.

The promise of the completion of God's continued purposes in her life has stayed with her ever since.

After graduation and marriage the next year, she and her husband Erven, moved to the Maritimes where he was killed in an RCAF flying accident just sixteen days after the birth of their baby son Arthur.

When she returned to Toronto a year later, she cared for her father and raised her son.

For years the Lord has used her business and practical skills on the job, at her church, and in volunteer service (Toronto City Mission).

God has demonstrated His faithfulness to her through physical and emotional trauma. She testifies that she has always felt solid support from the OBC family, especially from her class, the Class of '40.

# *Faith that supplies...*

Living by faith and working with their resources is a lifestyle for Rev. Dave and Linda Buchner. This is what actually attracted them to each other while serving the Lord amongst Toronto's Pakistanis and the deaf.

They believe that faith and works go together. For this reason Dave has worked to support himself and Linda teaches French in a private school.

But they have also seen the Lord provide, when for instance, a letter of Dave's informing of needs for support became lost.

The Lord has been gracious and faithful in supplying money for tuition and books, room and board, cars when necessary for their work for the Lord, rent, and even the furniture for their apartment.

Their present ministry with the Maranatha Fellowship Church for the Deaf, Toronto, reflects this "faith and works" concept and has resulted in a caring ministry to needy people that honours the Lord.

# *Faith that sings...*

"I want you to sing", was what the Lord seemed to say to John J. McDonald on the night of his conversion.

But he soon became aware that he needed to know the Bible better, so he enrolled in evening classes at T.B.C., graduating in 1955.

His ministry of gospel songs, hymns and testimony has reached into churches, missions, jails and hospitals from St. John's, Newfoundland to Victoria, B.C. During these last few years he has added also a tape-recording dimension to his music.

Different themes (e.g. Grace, Joy, God's Faithfulness, etc.) have comprised his repertoire of 600 hymns and songs.

Through his ministry, which included an annual concert and spring and fall tours, John has shared the gospel and gained many fine Christian friends.

John's church, as well, recognizes the value of his musical ability in his service for the Lord.

# *Remember... Homecoming*

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**CLASS REUNIONS**

# KEEPING IN TOUCH

## DEATHS

Rev. Frank Glazier '20-'21 on Apr. 14, in Sundridge, Ont.

Miss Erma Selman '28 on Mar. 4, in Sarnia, Ont.

Mr. John R. Peachey '23 on Jan. 9/84, in Florida, Ont.

Mr. D. George McDonald '38 on Apr. 11, in Scarborough, Ont.

## BIRTHS

Kenneth David, to **Mr. & Mrs. Norman Brown** (SHARON, B.R.E. '76), on Apr. 5, in Toronto.

Peter Charles, to **Mr. & Mrs. Stan Coates** (JUDI FRASER, B.R.E. '76) on Feb. 27, in Newmarket, Ont.

Andrew Markus, to **Mr. & Mrs. David Klauke** (SANDRA OMSTEAD '80-'81) on May 13, in Wheatley, Ont.

Micah Benjamin, to **Mr. & Mrs. Mark Boughan,** B.Th. '77 (RUTH SOUCOUP, B.R.E. '77) on Apr. 10, in Hamilton, Ont.

Christopher Jonathan Anders, to **Rev. & Mrs. Dan Pauls** B.Th. '80 (CAROLE BANIS '76-'80) on Sept. 16/84, in Toronto.

## GENERAL NEWS

Mr. Jeff Hosick, B.R.E. '82; B.Th. '83, graduated from Acadia Divinity College in N.S. in April with an M.DIV. degree.

Mrs. Joseph C. Macaulay (DOREEN RAE '57) now serving as secretary to the president of Winnipeg Bible College and Seminary.

Miss Sharon Veale, B.R.E. '85, serving as Junior Director of Camp Mini-Yo-We in Huntsville, Ont.

Miss Cheryl MacLeod, B.R.E. '84, serving as Director of Youth Ministries at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, Ont.

## MARRIAGES

Miss Jane Lacey, B.R.E. '80, to Mr. Peter Turcot, on Feb. 23, at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church in Toronto. Miss Teresa MacLeod, B.R.E. '80. was the Maid-of-Honour. Mrs. Wayne Saynor (DIANE WINDSOR, B.R.E. '80) was a Bridesmaid and Mr. Wayne Saynor, B.Th. '81, assisted in officiating the ceremony.

Miss Brigitte Weidelich, B.S.M. '83, to Mr. Michael Krause, M.DIV. '85, on May 18, at Agincourt Pentecostal Church, Ont. Mrs. Robert LeBlanc (SANDRA VARDY, B.S.M. '80) and Miss Claudette White, B.S.M. '82, assisted in the music.

Miss Margaret Buchanan, B.Th. '79 to Mr. Pierre Brouillette, on Dec. 22/84, in Montreal, P.Q.

Miss Christine Sheppard, B.R.E. '80, to Mr. Peter Robinson, on Jan. 21, in England.

Miss Tanis Delf, B.Th. '85, to Mr. Paul Warner, B.R.E. '83, on June 1 at Markham Baptist Church, Ont. Miss Florence Newton, B.R.E. '84 was a Bridesmaid. Mr. Fred Broad, B.Th. '84, was the Best Man. Rev. Steve Baldry, B.Th. '84 and Mr. Sheldon Dyck, B.Th. '83, were Ushers. Rev Doug Sherwood, B.Th. '57 officiated the ceremony. Mrs. John Bell (SHARON MCVETY, B.S.M. '73) was the organist.

## MISSIONS

Rev. R. James Duvall, B.Th. '73, in Corunna, Ont., serving as Eastern Canada Field Director of the Slavic Gospel Association.

Miss Beverly Keuhl, B.R.E. '70, on furlough from Ghana, Africa (B.M.M.), involved in a church planting ministry at the Berean Baptist Church in Waterloo, Ont.

Miss Ruth Copland, M.T.S. '84, serving in Papua New Guinea (W.B.T.)

Mr. John King '71 in Lakefield, Ont. serving as Eastern Director of W.B.T. of Canada.

Rev. Bert Baskin '50 in Prince Albert, SASK., now Ass't Director of N.C.E.M.

Miss Lois Cunningham '71-'72 has returned to missionary service in Brazil (U.F.M. Int'l).

Rev. & Mrs. Roy Hirons, B.Th. '71, on furlough from Nigeria, Africa (S.I.M.).

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hall, B.R.E. '82, have returned home from their ministry in Peru, S. America (W.B.T.).

Dr. & Mrs. Terry Tiessen, B.Th. '64 (GAIL ROBINSON, B.Th. '64) have returned to the Philippines (SEND Int'l).

## PASTORAL NEWS

Rev. & Mrs. Thomas Watson '49 serving in a visitation ministry at Oxford Baptist Church in Woodstock, Ont.

Rev. Daniel Jamer, B.R.E. '78, now pastoring Norton United Baptist Church in Norton, N.B.

Mr. Jeff Hosick, B.R.E. '82; B.Th. '83, serving as Ass't Pastor at St. John Baptist Church in Richmond Hill, Ont.

Rev. & Mrs. Gordon Abraham, B.Th. '75 (RUTH FELHABER '70-'71) pastoring Faith Baptist Church in Sydney, N.S.

Mr. Wilbert Zavitz, B.Th. '85, serving as Youth Pastor at Kipling Ave. Baptist Church in Toronto.

Mr. & Mrs. Art Rae, B.Th. '85 (CINDY PENNER '82-'84) serving as Ass't Pastor at Mountainview Alliance Church in Langley, B.C.

Mr. Jacques Nadeau, B.Th. '85, serving as Ass't Pastor at Ritson Road Baptist Church in Oshawa, Ont.

Rev. & Mrs. J. Wallace Stephenson, B.Th. '62 (ELIZABETH HYDE, B.R.E. '59) pastoring Fellowship Baptist Church in Burford, Ont.

Rev. Michael Sherbino, B.Th. '80, was ordained on May 29 at Peoples Church in Toronto.

Rev. Steve Baldry, B.Th. '83, was ordained on May 22 at Philpott Memorial Church in Hamilton, Ont.

Rev. & Mrs. Ian Walker (MARGARET BURRITT '60) pastoring First Baptist Church in Dawson Creek, B.C.

Mr. David Hollis, B.R.E. '83, serving as Youth Pastor at Grace Chapel, N.Y.

Lic. Gary Myatt, B.Th. '79, serving as Assoc. Pastor at Nashwaaksis Baptist Church in Fredericton, N.B.

# N.E.W. PAGE

*Marilyn McRae*

SOMETIMES...faith comes in a small package - unobtrusive, humble, plodding, faithful. The ladies of the London Auxiliary know what that means. They have been plodding on, faithfully, for a lot of years and continue meeting month by month until this present time. One former student of L.C.B.M. recalled the lovely graduation receptions resplendent with decorated cakes and other dainties, home made, donated and served by the Auxiliary members. The London Ladies Auxiliary has supported the school with much prayer as well as by raising money for many projects including dressers for the dorm rooms, carpeting, furniture, lamps, and a host of other necessary items. They have given their time. This spring, two carloads came for two days to the Toronto campus at the conclusion of the school year to clean the dorm rooms, make up beds and prepare the school for a large conference. What a service! As I made my inquiries, many names were mentioned over and over, and I would love to list these women, but I would miss someone. I leave it to the Lord who will reward each of you with His best.

Faith...in small packages over a lot of years!

In Toronto, groups of ladies, when called upon, banded together to meet special needs - mending sheets, repairing and cleaning at the Spadina campus. When the merger of T.B.C. and L.C.B.M. took place in 1968, Mrs. Stuart Boehmer formed a Ladies Auxiliary which met formally four times a year. Through the years, continuing since our move to the present Willowdale campus, the Toronto Ladies Auxiliary has bought graduation gowns, tables, calculators, vacuum cleaners, small appliances, carpeting, drapes, bookshelves and other items which helped ease the school budget and benefitted the students. For several years, they have taken each of the graduates on as prayer partners. Many of you have attended the strawberry socials, enjoyed the 90th anniversary celebration and other special praise times, all convened by ladies interested in the ongoing ministries of OBC/OTS.

Faith in small packages...unobtrusive, humble.

I'm reminded that dynamite comes in a small package, but that doesn't diminish the impact!

Today we have a N.E.W. group, (letters standing for Nurturing Each Woman). We are still interested ladies - praying - giving - supporting. We have expanded a bit and on page 20 you will see some opportunities for you to get involved in the 1985-86 school year. You are all invited.

Sometimes there is the faith that moves mountains. Then, there is the faith like a grain of mustard seed. Faith can come in small packages .....SOMETIMES.

*Marilyn McRae, wife of OBC/OTS President. Director of N.E.W.*


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# OBC FACULTY UPDATE

Each year brings change and some new faces to the campus. We have delayed in sharing these changes until everything was completed but we cannot delay any longer. The following additions are in place for the 1985-1986 year.

*Mrs. Beth Posterski* will be teaching full-time in the Christian Education department. Her area of specialization is Early Childhood Education. Beth has a B.A. (Olivet Nazarene College), a B.Ed. (University of Alberta) and an M.Ed. (University of Toronto). She has ten years of public school teaching. She is also the mother of two children.

*Mr. Jonathan Quek* will be joining us in Community Life. He will teach the introductory courses in psychology and counselling, as well as directing our counselling centre. Jonathan has a B.A. honors (University of Manchester), an M.A. (Wheaton Graduate School), an M.T.S. (Ontario Theological Seminary) and is completing his Ph.D. thesis (York University). Jonathan and his wife have two small children.

*Rev. Lewis H. Worrad Jr.* will serve with us in an associate capacity in the Pastoral department. Presently he is senior pastor at Philpott Memorial Church in Hamilton. He will be with the college for 1-1/2 days each week. Pastor Worrad and his wife Patricia have two teenage sons. His educational training includes a B.A. (Houghton College), an M.A. (New York University) and is a Ph.D. candidate (New York University).

*Mr. John Bell* will serve as Acting Chairman of the Music Department for 1985-1986.

*Mr. John Franklin* will serve as Acting Chairman of the General Arts department for 1985-1986.

Two new faces will appear in the Community Life department. *Mr. Dave Roberts* is not a new face for he is an alumnus of the college and has been involved with his wife Sandra in student recruitment for the past year. Dave will serve on a part-time basis as R.A. supervisor and student activities co-ordinator. He will also be studying at O.T.S.

*Miss Janet Bates* is no stranger to O.T.S. where she has been a student. She will serve with community life on a part-time basis as an R.A. supervisor and Physical Education co-ordinator.

Dave and Janet are assuming responsibilities which Ram Kalap has filled for the past year. These changes were necessary because Ram could not renew his visa with the Canadian government.

*Miss Nancy Edgett* will continue with the college in the Field Education office. She will be co-ordinator of Field Education for the 1985-1986 academic year.

We regret that *Mrs. Helen Dalzell,* who has been teaching on a part-time basis will not be with us in the Fall. Family problems have forced the Dalzell family to move back to England.

As most of you are aware, *Dr. Bert Polman,* and *Mrs. Louise Kho* will not be with us for the coming year. We are in search of a person qualified in instrumental music to join us for the Fall term. At the present time we have no one available for this position.

The Lord has answered our prayers and provided someone for the music vacancy. *Mr. Douglas Clayton* will join us in August. Doug is a recent newly wed, married to Rita Wai-Ying Lui in June of 1984. He has a B.A. in music from McMaster University and a B.Ed. from University of Western Ontario. Presently he is song-leader and choir director at Park Royal Bible Church.

# OBC STAFF UPDATE

This memo is to inform you that, for health reasons, *Miss Darlene Smith* has tendered her resignation as Secretary to the OBC Registrar, effective July 5, 1985.

*Mrs. Mary Taylor* will be assuming the duties of Admissions Assistant, formerly carried out by Rev. Robert Muse. Mary will be combining those duties with various secretarial responsibilities of the OBC Registrar's Department.

*Larry Moorhouse:* Prior to his two years of full-time service with our Campus Operations team, Larry worked as a part-time staff member during his OBC student days. We appreciate you!

And now, Larry, as we bid you farewell on Friday, July 5th, we pray that God will strengthen and guide you in your new place of employment at ManuLife. May the Lord continue to bless you and Ruth as you faithfully seek to walk with Him day by day, and may you *"be filled up to all the fullness of God"* (Ephesians 3:14-19).

Due to personal circumstances, we are sorry to inform you that Laurie Oakman will not be returning to her job in the Development Office.

We in the office and College will miss Laurie.

Please pray for Laurie as she seeks God's direction in her future.

*Miss Joan White* joins our OBC/OTS family today, July 10th, as a Secretary in the Development Department. Joan comes to us from Gravenhurst, Ontario with a background in marketing, management, and business administration. Welcome aboard, Joan!

*Miss Colleen Smith* is not a stranger to the hallowed halls of OBC/OTS – first as a student on the Spadina campus, and then as a staff member at both Spadina and Ballyconnor campuses. Following almost fifteen years of dedication and faithful service in several different offices (and at switchboard!), it is with regret that we must bid farewell to Colleen as of July 26th.

We are envious of Child Evangelism Fellowship who are gaining a valuable member to their team...but we are happy for Colleen that her new location isn't too far away for visiting purposes.

*Mrs. Sandra Roberts* will be transferring from Recruitment to her new full-time ministry as Secretary to the Music Department, effective August 6th. We trust that you'll quickly feel at home in your new location, Sandy!

As most of you are probably already aware, *Miss Claudette White* will be concluding her ministry at OBC as Secretary to the Alumni Office, effective as of July 26, 1985. Claudette will be pursuing a Bachelor of Education Teacher's Certificate at the University of Western Ontario.

*Miss Elizabeth VanderVeen*, an OBC Graduate of '85, is also changing her status from student to staff. Previous work experience in office situations and in meeting the public have prepared Liz for her new position as Secretary to the Alumni Office, beginning on August 12th.

*Miss Eunice Spenler* will be concluding her ministry at OBC/OTS as a Library Assistant, effective July 31, 1985. Eunice will be pursuing a "degree in housewifery" as Mrs. Rick Prins (as of August 10th). Congratulations and best wishes, Eunice and Rick!

*Miss Doris Perrin*, an OBC Graduate of '84, will be returning to campus as a staff member. Doris worked on a part-time basis in the Field Ed. and Alumni offices during her student days; now she will be a full-time Library Assistant, commencing August 12th.


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# BOOKS

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*edited by A. Don Augsburger. Herald Press, 1984, 108pp., $9.05 (Canadian)*

Making marriage work takes work. That is the consistent message of this book. Nine couples well-known for their marriage counselling ministries – the Duvalls, Osbornes, Shedds, Halversons, Dreschers, Tourniers, Hulmes, Maces, and Augsburgers – each present a short essay of advice based on their own marriage experience. The advice sometimes varies widely, but the common success-factor shared by them all is a total, permanent commitment to each other which finds its roots in their relationship to God. Those who were more self-revealing have contributed the more helpful and interesting chapters. Recommended for college-level readers, especially those preparing for marriage.

*Jim Johnson, OBC/OTS Librarian.*

## IN HIS IMAGE

*by Paul Brand and Philip Yancey. Zondervan (distributed by Mitchell), 1984, 291 pp. $16.95 (Can.)*

Dr. Brand has been honoured because of his distinguished service and accomplishments in the field of medicine. Philip Yancey is a professional writer. The combined skills of these two men are applied in the exploration of the relationships between the human body and the New Testament doctrine of the Body of Christ, the metaphorical symbol of the church. The resultant study produces an insightful devotional book which will appeal to the general Christian reader. The book may also be valuable to provide illustrations of biblical concepts for those who preach the Word of God.

*W.R. Foster OTS*

## THE TABLE OF INWARDNESS

*by Calvin Miller, InterVarsity, 1984, 120 pp. $4.95 (U.S.)*

Though it is essential to cultivate our life in the Christian community, fellowship with other believers cannot be a substitute for our private relationship with Christ. Miller explains that fellowship with Christ is "a table only for two – set in the lonely desert of the human heart." Spiritual inwardness is a hunger – a longing after Christ "whom we really can never know fully in a group."

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*Mrs. Elizabeth Davey*
*OBC Faculty*

## THE MAJESTY OF MAN: THE DIGNITY OF BEING HUMAN

*by Ronald B. Allen. Multnomah (distributed by Beacon), 1984, 221 pp. $11.95 (US)*

Christians often think of humanism as the great enemy of Christian truth. However, the author provides an excellent study of the biblical doctrine of man which demonstrates that a true humanism arises out of the doctrines of creation and the incarnation. God made human beings in His own image, and sent His son to be the epitome of the true humanity. From this perspective the author reflects upon many contemporary issues. The book will provide much valuable information and insight for the theological student and pastor.

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# ALUMNI IN ACTION

Going to school is something Dennis Bells has been doing, off and on, most of his life. When he left a small one-room schoolhouse in a tiny village in Saskatchewan, with only a partial Grade 11, he determined to complete his high school education by correspondence. This he did and then enrolled in a correspondence course in Business Administration. Later, there were part time studies in Montreal and Toronto resulting, after 10 years effort, in a B.A. with majors in Psychology and Sociology. When the Lord called Dennis to be a Pastor in 1976, he enrolled in the Continuing Education Program of O.T.S. and nine years later, he graduated from the M.Div. program. Those nine years included three years at Air Canada prior to retirement, three years as Associate Pastor at Banfield Memorial Church in Willowdale, Ont. and two years as Pastor of Calvary Missionary Church in Owen Sound, Ont., and also included Greek introductory studies, by correspondence from Moody Bible Institute. The Continuing Education Program at O.T.S. has proved to be most helpful and practical and on numerous occasions Dennis has been able to apply his studies directly to his ministry and preaching responsibilities.

Dennis Bells spent 31 years in the business world before the Lord called him to the pastorate. He worked for five years in Post Offices in Saskatchewan and had twenty six years with Air Canada in Montreal and Toronto. The last thirteen years were in the computer field, designing and supervising in the areas of passenger reservations and cargo airwaybill systems. In retrospect, Dennis has found those years of experience most helpful to him as a pastor, for he understands the daily pressures that people face and this helps him to relate and minister to them. His early retirement from Air Canada has given him an opportunity to use his business skills and knowledge in a new career.

Church and Sunday School were always part of the Bells' family experience, Dennis recalls, but he did not hear the gospel until he was 32 years of age. Even when he was actively searching for a purpose and meaning to life, no one pointed him to Christ. Then, in a Presbyterian Church in Montreal, he and his family heard the words, "You must be born again" and each one responded. Dennis taught an Adult Bible class, and became an Elder and Chairman of the Board of Managers. He and his wife, Doris, were members of the Gideons for eight years, and Dennis had many opportunities to speak in church - all preparation for the day when the Lord, through the words of Scripture, clearly called him to serve as a Pastor.

This past year has been a unique one. Apart from going to school and carrying a full study load, something he has not done for 36 years, Dennis also exchanged roles and houses with his eldest son Michael. Mike, (O.T.S., M.Div. 84) pastored the church in Owen Sound while Dad went to school. Now, Dennis and his wife, Doris, return to Owen Sound, and Mike and Janice and their 2 children are trusting the Lord to lead them in ministry elsewhere. A second son, Jeffrey, a graduate of Seneca College, is making a career in the audio-visual field.


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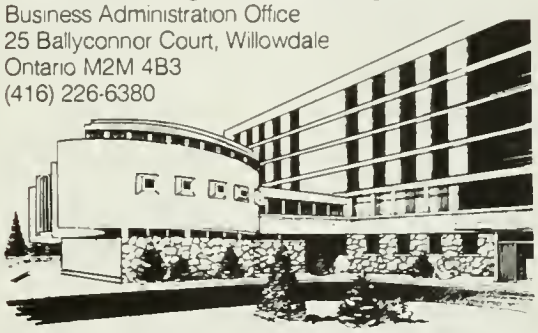


# *PASTORS' AND SPOUSES' CONFERENCE*

## *TUESDAY JANUARY 21-23, 1986*

The annual Pastors' and Spouses' Conference will be held Tuesday, January 21st beginning at 3:00 p.m. and continuing until Thursday, January 23, 11:30 a.m.

Dr. Stuart and Mrs. Jill Briscoe will be our guest speakers. Since 1970 Dr. Briscoe has been the Pastor of the Elmbrook Church in Brookfield, a suburb of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has authored 12 books and has spoken in 80 countries.

Mrs. Briscoe is a popular speaker, Bible study leader and author. She is a director of "Telling the Truth", a multimedia ministry. The Briscoes have three children.

We welcome all Christian workers and spouses to join us for this exciting and very profitable three days of keynote sessions and workshops.

# FACULTY FOCUS

Dr. William Foster, professor of Systematic Theology at OTS, has had a long association with the school and its predecessors. That relationship began in 1949, following eight years in business, he enrolled as a student in London College of Bible and Missions, from which he graduated in 1951. The next five years were spent in studies at the University of Western Ontario (B.A., 1952) and Grace Theological Seminary (M.Th., 1954; D.Th., 1956). Following those studies, he joined the faculty of Baptist Bible Seminary in New York.

In 1961, ten years after his graduation from LCBM, Dr. Foster returned as a faculty member. He taught at the London school and, as Academic Dean and later Acting President, provided the leadership which led to its' union in 1968 with Toronto Bible College to form Ontario Bible College.

Over the past quarter of a century, Dr. Foster has made an impact on hundreds of students who have profited from his fine teaching and have appreciated his gracious manner and wise counsel. One of the veterans at OTS, he looks forward to retirement in 1987 and time to devote to writing on theological issues. (Dr. Foster is author of 2 books, *The Discipline of Godliness* and *The Promise of a Kingdom*.)

A native of Ontario, he and his wife live in Thet and are parents of a son and three daughters. The youngest daughter, Maureen, has completed her second year of study in early childhood education at Ontario Bible College.

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# THINKING CHRISTIANLY ABOUT BUSINESS

*Ray Binkley*

Here at "The Centre For Christians in Business", the question often arises of whether there is a uniquely Christian way of doing business and economics.

Our task as Christians in the workplace is clarified if we see ourselves having a two-fold calling. The first I will categorize as "Anabaptist" and the second as "Reformed".

**1. The Anabaptist Calling:** Named after the historical Anabaptists who sought to model Christ's coming kingdom on earth by developing and practicing business/economic relationships within their regenerate community of Holy Spirit filled people.

This calling seems to be increasingly neglected by evangelicals today, which I suppose is understandable when one looks back on how ruthlessly Anabaptists were persecuted for daring to be different in ways that convicted society of its fallenness. Also since we live in a utilitarian age where everything must be useful, idealism is viewed with suspicion and ridicule. The Anabaptist witness is clearly idealistic as it seeks to preview, albeit imperfectly, glimpses of "The New Jerusalem". Such methods *are* impractical for society as a whole because one cannot expect non spirit-filled people to act as though they are. Neither, of course, can we expect perfection from Christians like you or I. However, we demean the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, individually and in community, if we do not expect and strive for noticeably higher standards.

It is a continual sadness to see and hear that Christians are "no better and often worse" examples in business and economic relationships.

Is this because so many professing Christians are counterfeits who are claiming to be spirit-filled when they are not? Or is it because we have been doing our witnessing through our "church work" which we finance with our careers out in the real world of hi-tech complexity and changeability?

Just because the world sees God's truth as foolishness doesn't give us license to ignore it, particularly those difficult teachings of Jesus. Just because loving our enemies doesn't seem to fit on Bay St. or Wall St. doesn't mean we should stop struggling, in the Spirit, to develop alternatives to "dog-eat-dog" confrontational business practices.

Jesus says "*A new commandment I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another*" (John 13:34,35 NIV).

Surely the love Jesus describes includes our business/economic relationships which must be distinguishable from those of the world.

This is not to say that the world's systems are to be totally rejected by Christians. Indeed a common failing within the Anabaptist tradition was that they tended to become too "other worldly" and isolated from their culture.

**2. The "Reformed" Calling**

In contrast to Anabaptists, those within the Reformed tradition seek to be "salt and light" for our fallen, unregenerate societal systems by their active participation in business and economics.

The world's systems are unregenerate because they are designed to maximize man's self-sufficiency and mastery over nature, relying, for example, on the "invisible hand" of the market vs the providential hand of God. Our Western systems of democratic capitalism are unregenerate! I believe they are the best large scale socio/economic systems developed to date, but they still are fallen systems. They will continue to be fallen systems even with our best efforts, however, without the leaven of a revived Christian community active in its "dual role".

The tragedy is that so few Christians believe this. Few have any sense of responsibility to allow themselves to be used by the Lord as agents of healing in this area. We have little sense of the supernatural in business. We are caught up with the world's pursuit of hi-tech solutions, contenting ourselves with striving to be productive, honest, diligent, moral workers within the system. We must go beyond personal piety and seek structural, systemic change.

Happily there are some bright lights. One of these is gaining belated international recognition as indicated by the following quote from Tony Hutt writing in the March/85 issue of the British magazine *The Third Way*.

"Imagine a football team whose ambition is to radically reform the game not only in playing football a different and non-violent way (and still winning) but in educating its followers to be non-violent too and actually like the opposing team's supporters. Imagine a political party whose intention is to develop a completely new method of doing politics, not only in Parliament but among their members too! By working constructively with other parties instead of repeatedly denigrating their actions. Imagine a trade union whose leaders want to fundamentally reorient and reshape industrial relations, persuading managers and its members to be partners instead of adversaries; whose negotiators get justice in a spirit of cooperation.

"The first two are fictitious, so far at least; the third is real: The Christian Labour Association of Canada has been operating along these lines since its foundation in 1952."

The C.L.A.C. of which I have been a member for seven years has much to teach us about practically and simultaneously pursuing our twofold calling. Christendom's failure to learn these lessons is perhaps why society sees us as being inconsequential and irrelevant.

# REACH THE CITY

*Tuesday, November 12, 1985*

The speaker at the next Reach the City Conference at O.T.S. will be the Rev. Harry Robinson, one of the most highly regarded servants of Jesus Christ in Canada. Harry has ministered in places of remarkable diversity, geographically and socially in this country, and in each there has been unusual outreach and penetration. Harry began his ministry – after studying at Wycliffe College, Toronto, and one of the well-known Evangelical Anglican Theological colleges in England – in the suburbs. Then he moved to downtown Toronto where in the difficult days of the sixties and seventies he resuscitated Little Trinity Church on King St. E. The old congregation was retained, serious efforts were made to reach the immediate community, and students and young people were attracted in large numbers. In those days of upheaval and rejection, Harry's integrity and bigness shone out. However angry people might be with the pettiness of so much of contemporary religion, they always knew that from Harry they would receive authentic Christianity in message and life.

Then in 1978 Harry made a real mid-life change, this time to St. John's (Shaughnessy) Anglican Church in Vancouver. Set in one of the most affluent sections of Vancouver, St. John's numbered among its congregation many of the most eminent citizens of British Columbia. Here once again the gracious presence of Jesus Christ has been very much in evidence, not without elements of struggle and conflict. Many who once assumed that they possessed virtually everything have been discovering that Jesus Christ is the pearl of great price. And throngs of students and young people have been drawn as well.

One Sunday morning a few months ago, I was driving north on beautiful Granville Street in Vancouver. Several well-known churches were passed, and they gave every appearance of activity. Then as I crested a hill about 37th Avenue, I saw ahead of me cars lining both sides of the street for blocks and blocks. I was getting near St. John's, and as one got closer the side streets were lined as well. What a testimony to a living ministry in Canada's most secular city.

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with Worship at 9:15 and the sessions beginning at 9:30. Harry will speak three times, drawing on the richness and variety of his experience in urban ministry. The Conference will close by 4:00 p.m., the cost will be $7, and lunch can be purchased in the cafeteria. *I.S. Rennie*

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| Wisdom from Women in Ministry | S Bell |
| Music and Drama: A Unique Form of Ministry | J Mee |
| The Life of Christ (1) | J Weiler |

**PART I – THURSDAY EVENINGS** — **Sept. 12 - Oct. 17, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

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| Sanctification (1) | J Vold |
| Believers in Action | D Barker |
| Parenting Skills in the Home and Community | C Kirton |
| Those Incredible Christians | G Dunkin |

**PART I – SATURDAY** — **Sept. 14, 9:00 a.m.**

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| Old Testament Walk Through the Bible | D Collins |

**PART II – TUESDAY EVENINGS** — **Oct. 22 - Nov. 26, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

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| Guitar for Christian Work & Enjoyment | A Davey |
| The Life of Christ (2) | J Weiler |
| Ephesians: A New Society under God | H Winborn |
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| Piano Class MU-163 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | S Bell |
| Choral Conducting MU-263 | 6:30-9:30 p.m. | J Bell |
| Comparative Religions MI-301 | 6:30-9:30 p.m. | B Paradkar |
| Theological Studies TH-321 | 6:30-9:30 p.m. | W Foster |

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| Understanding the O T FD-101 | 6:30-9:30 p.m. | G Wyper |
| Genesis BI-303 | 6:30-9:30 p.m. | J Vold |
| Effective Communications FD-112 | 6:30-9:30 p.m. | E. Davey |
| Pastoral Theology II PS-331 | 6:30-9:30 p.m. | L Worrad |

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| History and Philosophy of C E CE-416 | 6:30-9:30 p.m. | J Unger |
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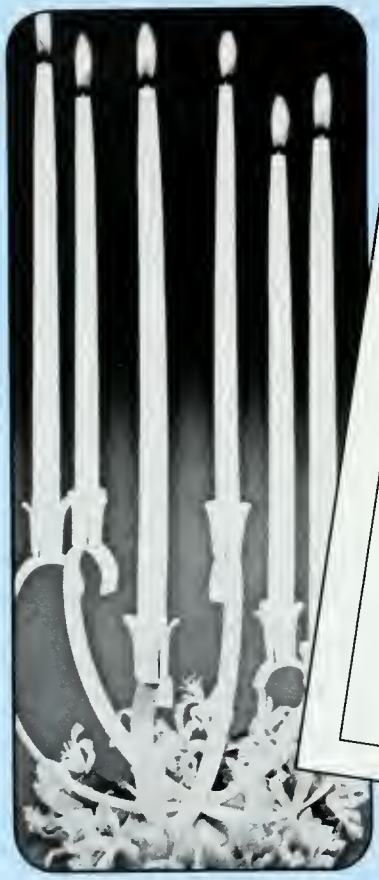

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